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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

HOMESTART

Support for families under stress with at least one child under the age of 5.

National Number

Telephone: 08000 686368

Website: www.home-start.org.uk

Wyre Forest

Telephone: 01562 825896

North East Worcestershire - Redditch

Telephone: 01527 62819

PARENTLINE PLUS

Telephone: 0808 8002222

Helpline for support and information for parents or anyone in a parenting role.

Website: www.parentlineplus.org.uk

CHILDLINE

Telephone: 0800 1111

Helpline for children and young people to the age of 18, in danger, in distress or with any problem whatsoever.

Website: www.childline.org.uk

HANSEL & GRETEL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Telephone: 01562 68295

This is a day unit for children with special needs aged between 0 and 5 years. It offers play, learning and assessment for children and support for their families. Referral via G.P. or Health Visitor. but parents of disabled children are welcome to make an initial contact themselves. **Wyre Forest area.**

SCOTT ATKINSON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Telephone: 01527 484000

The service provides multi-agency needs assessment, advice and support to children under 5 and their families. **Redditch and Bromsgrove area.**

CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Telephone: 01905 681860

Worcestershire NHS Trust coordinates the range of therapeutic and medical services available to children with special needs.

ACORNS CHILDREN HOSPICE

Telephone: 01905 767676

Care for the child with life limiting illness, support for the family in your area.

350 Bath Road, Worcester WR5 3EX

Website: www.acorns.org.uk

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION SERVICE

Telephone: 0800 2346346

Information around child care

Worcestershire Children's Information Service

Telephone: 01905 790560

Website: www.childcarelink.gov.uk

in Connect Wyre Forest
10-12 Blackwell Street
Kidderminster
DY10 2DP

Telephone: 01562 60241 (Business Line)

Telephone: 0800 970 7202 (Helpline)

Fax & Minicom: 01562 68248

Email: info@nwdial.org.uk

Website: www.nwdial.org.uk



Registered Charity No: 1053933

CONTACT A FAMILY**Telephone: 0808 8083555**

This is a group set up for families with children with disabilities. Help families to support one another to share experiences and pool their skills.

Website: www.cafamily.org.uk

WEST MIDLANDS CONTACT A FAMILY**Telephone: 0121 4154624**

Website: www.cafamily.org.uk/wmids

BARNARDOS BREAKAWAY & DUDLEY SHARE CARE PROJECT**Telephone: 01384 458585**

Long term foster care, short break and respite care project for children with Disabilities.

SNOEZELEN**Telephone: 01905 748229**

Multi-sensory leisure/therapy centre for people with special needs of any age. Self referral & booking necessary.

Website: www.worcestersnoezelen.org.uk

TFH SPECIAL NEEDS TOYS**Telephone: 01299 827820**

A service which provides a wide range of equipment and toys for children with disabilities including outdoor equipment.

5-7 Severnside Business Park, Severn Road, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire DY13 9HT

Website: <http://tfhuk.co.uk>

BORROWERS TOY LIBRARY**Telephone: 01684 891081**

Toy and play resource lending service for parents/carers, childminders, grandparents and schools.

Sessions held in Malvern Tuesday 9.30am-4.30pm, Wednesday 2pm-7.30pm, Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. Please contact their office for details of sessions in other areas of the county.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOY LIBRARIES**Telephone: 020 7255 4600**

68 Churchway, London NW1 1LT

Website: www.natll.org.uk

FLEDGLING FAMILY SERVICES**Telephone: 0845 4581124**

Helps families caring for a disabled child to obtain impartial independent information products which help with a Child's development or help the carer in their caring role. Available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

AUTISM WEST MIDLANDS - FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE**Telephone: 0121 4507575**

Autism W.M. is a charitable organisation offering free information, advice and support for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and their families.

Helpline available Monday to Friday 10am-2pm

Website: www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/FamilySupportServices.html

WORCESTERSHIRE SHORT BREAKS PROJECT**Telephone: 01905 778275**

Barnardos (in partnership with Worcestershire County Council)

This project links families who have children with disabilities (up to the age of 18) to specially approved carers to allow families to take a break from caring for their child with special needs, and to give children the chance to widen their social life.

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WHIZZ-KIDZ

Provides equipment for disabled children's mobility, trikes, bikes, manual wheelchairs, light weight wheelchairs that are not available on the NHS.

Website: www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

Telephone: 020 72336600

THE FAMILY FUND

A government fund run by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to help families with a child who has a severe disability. Each families request is looked at individually. You can apply online as well.

The Family Fund, 4 Alpha Court, Monks Cross Drive, York YO32 9WN

Website: www.familyfund.org.uk

E-Mail: info@familyfund.org.uk

Telephone: 0845 1304542

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Many of the different organisations concerned with helping children with disabilities belong to the

COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE

Website: www.ncb.org.uk/cdc

Telephone: 020 78431900

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KIDZFIRST

Kidz First is a local charity providing a range of affordable, inclusive social activities and friendship clubs for children and young people of all abilities. They are a specialist provider of supportive services for children and young people who have disabilities /special needs and their families.

They operate 7 days a week (5 days for play care schemes) all year round.

Kidzfist, Longbank Centre, Longbank, Bewdley DY12 2QW

Email: officekidzfirst@aol.com

Telephone: 01299 400655

Telephone: 01299 403862

COOL2CARE

cool2care is an innovative, youthful, social enterprise set up to place skilled carers or buddies with disabled children. **All their carers are screened, CRB checked and trained before placement.** They liaise closely with families to fully understand their needs before introducing them to a choice of suitable care-workers. **The family interviews the care-worker before employing him or her and cool2Care will offer support before, during and after the recruitment process.** Families can choose to recruit a carer through direct payments, personal budgets, disability benefits or a combination of these. In Worcestershire they have a number of trained care-workers ready for placements, so please get in touch with their local office to find out how we can help you.

Isabel Welch, Family Liaison Manager Worcestershire

Email: isabel.welch@cool2care.co.uk

Website: www.cool2care.co.uk

Telephone: 0845 123 5484

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ASSOCIATION OF WHEELCHAIR CHILDREN**Telephone: 0844 544 1050**

The Association of Wheelchair Children's mission is to enable wheelchair-using children throughout the UK to reach their full potential. Their primary objective is to enable independence by providing practical wheelchair skills training, assessment and support to young wheelchair-users and their families. They also work to raise awareness and understanding of disability issues, particularly those relating to wheelchair-using young people.

Currently they have two teams of full time qualified therapists run over 100 training and assessment days all over the UK. Where they find young people in chairs unsuitable for independent mobility they will make sure that they receive a suitable wheelchair upgrade free of charge from the NHS after AWC has trained them. They will then back this up with ongoing advice, advocacy and support. AWC also provides training for professionals who may work with young wheelchair-users and they have begun a programme of awareness raising in schools and colleges.

6 Woodman Parade, North Woolwich, London E16 2LL

Website: www.wheelchairchildren.org.uk

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